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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-5,7-12 and 16-19 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-5,7-11 and 16-19 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1,16 and 18 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: in lines 2-3, "network operable to include" should be "including" since "operable" makes optional, but does not require, the subsequent limitation, and, in line 5, "operable to include" should be "including" since "operable" makes optional, but does not require, the subsequent limitation. Appropriate correction is required.

3. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: in lines 22-23, "indicates one of the first radio station or the second radio station" should be "indicates the first radio station if the identification packet generating means of the first radio station generates the identification packet or indicates the second radio station if the identification packet generating means of the second radio station generates the identification packet". As currently worded, the claim permits an identification packet to include address portions from both the first and second radio station since each address portion "indicates one of the first radio station or the second radio station" where Applicant has indicated that the claims were amended to limit the listed address portions of the identification packet to a single radio station (Response: p. 12-13). Appropriate correction is required.

4. Claim 18 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 19, “the identification packet” should be “the loop detection packet” since “the identification packet” lacks antecedent basis. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

6. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

7. Claim 12 recites: “the identification packet is generated including . . . *the wire transmit source address portion* indicating one piece of communication terminal equipment of the first and the second pluralities of communication terminal equipment serving as a transmit source” (emphasis added). Claim 9, upon which claim 8 depends, recites: “wherein each of the wire destination address portion, *the wire transmit source address portion*, and the wireless transmit source address portion of the identification packet indicates the first radio station” (emphasis added). Thus, claim 9 requires the wire transmit source address portion to indicate the first radio station, while claim 12 requires the wire transmit source address portion to indicate “one piece of communication terminal equipment of the first and second pluralities of communication terminal equipment serving as a transmit source.” It is unclear whether “the first radio station” will always be “one piece of communication terminal equipment of the first and second pluralities of communication terminal equipment serving as a transmit source” regarding an identification packet. Thus, Applicant should either amend claim 12 to eliminate the aforementioned

limitation, or indicate how the first radio station and “one piece of communication terminal equipment of the first and second pluralities of communication terminal equipment serving as a transmit source” are related.

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 1-5, 7-11, and 16-19 are allowed. The prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest having each of the wire destination address portion, the wire transmit source address portion, and the wireless transmit source address portion of the identification packet indicate the radio station.

Conclusion

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on (571)272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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